

were recently elected to fill vacancies on the executive board of the staff of the San Diego Diagnostic Group Clinic.

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY.

Proceedings of the San Francisco County Medical Society.

During the month of December, 1917, the following meetings were held:

Tuesday, December 4th—Section on Medicine.

1. Amebiasis Observed in California. Herbert Gunn.
2. Internal Secretions in the Practice of Obstetrics. Frederic M. Loomis, Oakland.
3. Opportunism in the Treatment of Epithelioma. D. W. Montgomery and George D. Culver.

Tuesday, December 11th—Annual Meeting.

The following officers were elected for 1918: President, John H. Graves; first vice-president, R. Knight Smith; second vice-president, W. W. Wy- more; secretary, René Bine; librarian, Leo Eloesser.

Stanford Clinical Evening.

1. Skin Diseases in Their Relationship to Industrial Accident and Health Insurance. H. E. Alderson.
2. Traumatic Lipemia and Fat Embolism. John F. Cowan.
3. Cerebello-Pontine Angle Tumors (read by W. F. Schaller). T. G. Inman.

Tuesday, December 18th—Section on Surgery. San Francisco Polyclinic Clinical Evening.

1. Early Stages of Hydronephrosis. M. Krotzkyner.
2. Intermittent Claudication. H. Kronenberg.
3. Extra-Vesical Causes of Bladder Disturbances in Women. W. E. Stevens.
4. Local Versus General Anesthesia in Tonsillectomy. C. F. Welty.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY.

At a meeting of this society held December 29th, 1917, at the office of Dr. C. J. McGovern, San Luis Obispo, the following officers for the year 1918 were elected: Dr. A. H. Williams, president; Dr. B. Y. Miller, vice-president; Dr. G. L. Sobey, secretary-treasurer; Dr. G. L. Sobey, delegate; Dr. R. A. Diesser, alternate.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

The annual business meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held at the office of the secretary Friday evening, December 28th. The following directors were elected to serve for 1918: Drs. F. P. Clark, J. D. Dameron, R. T. McGurk, B. J. Powell, L. Dozier, C. F. English, J. V. Craviotto, Margaret Smyth and D. R. Powell. Dr. Margaret Smyth was unanimously elected president, Dr. L. Dozier 1st vice-president, Dr. J. V. Craviotto 2nd vice-president, and Dr. Dewey R. Powell secretary-treasurer.

STANISLAUS COUNTY.

The annual meeting of the Stanislaus County Medical Association was held in the parlors of Hotel Modesto Friday evening, December 14th.

Preceding the meeting a dinner was given in the hotel dining-room.

Drs. Grant Selfridge, W. B. Coffey, J. H. Graves, and Prof. Thayer of San Francisco were present and read papers.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Dr. E. F. Reamer, Modesto; vice-president, Dr. F. W. McKibbin, Oakdale; secretary-treasurer, Dr. F. R. DeLappe, Modesto; censors, Dr. S. W. Cartwright, Ceres (2 years); D. W. L. Wilson, Turlock (1 year).

Correspondence

SAN FRANCISCO COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.

December 17, 1917.

To the Editor:

On December 5, 1917, I accepted the position of Dean of the Medical Department of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of San Francisco, being vested with full power to make any change in the faculty or the conduct of the institution that I thought advisable; to install any apparatus or equipment that was necessary to properly carry on the work of the institution, or to make any other disposition of the institution that I thought advisable, providing such disposition took care of the students at present enrolled in the Medical Department, some sixty odd.

After a most careful consideration of the subject, I laid the matter before officials of the Medical Department of Stanford University and the University of California and offered to close the school forever if provision could be made by them in some way to provide for the students now enrolled in the school.

I received the most courteous consideration from these institutions, but unfortunately they could not see their way clear to undertake the task, even though the College of Physicians and Surgeons be temporarily completely reorganized and carry on most of the work to its close.

Just what course will be followed I cannot yet state. Unfortunately for the students, the element of time is all important as most of them are subject to the draft since the school was refused a Class B. rating by the Council of the A. M. A. and are being held only on temporary stays from the Draft Boards.

The position of many of these students is most pathetic and is deserving of serious consideration. The loss of time and money at this stage of their lives will be an irreparable blow to many.

The responsibility for the deplorable conditions existing in this Medical School rests as much with the State Board of Medical Examiners as with the management of the institution. The present predicament of the students arising from the draft could never have occurred had proper state laws been enforced.

Until the present time I have never been connected in any manner whatsoever with the College of Physicians and Surgeons. My attitude now in dealing with its affairs is that of an unbiased outsider.

Whatever is done by me in directing the work of this school will be done in the interest of the present enrolled students, taking carefully into consideration the obligations due to the community.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) HERBERT GUNN, M. D.

San Francisco.

January 3, 1918.

The Board of Trustees,
College of Physicians and Surgeons,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Since my appointment as Dean of the Medical Department of this institution on December 5, 1917, I have given most careful consideration to certain phases of its affairs with the object of effecting a reorganization of the medical school, which would meet with the approval of the authorities, and thereby permit the students now enrolled in the school to conclude their medical education.

After undertaking my work I soon became convinced that changes of a most radical nature were required, and that they would have to be accomplished in an incredibly short period of time in